

Application No. 10/663,044
Amendment dated September 24, 2008
Reply to July 3, 2008, Office Action

Remarks:

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 3-8, 13, 14, and 30-46 were previously pending. Claims 1, 8, 31, 37, and 40 are amended herein and claims 7, 36, 43 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 1, 3-6, 8, 13, 14, 30-35, 37-42, and 44-46 remain pending with claims 1, 31, and 40 being independent.

Note Regarding Co-Pending Application

Applicant respectfully notes for the Examiner's convenience that co-pending application no. 10/663,045 (also under examination by the Examiner) includes pending claims related to a docking station that may include a speaker to generate sound corresponding to signals provided by a navigation device. Application no. 10/663,045 is currently under final rejection.

Office Action

In the July 3, 2008, Office Action, the Examiner rejected:

- claims 1, 3-4, 14, 31-33, 38, and 40-41 as being obvious in view of Schoenfish (U.S. 6,370,037) and Iredale (U.S. 6,392,877);
- claims 5-8, 30, 34-37, 39, 43, and 45-46 as being obvious in view of Schoenfish, Iredale, and Trumbull (U.S. 4,105,246);
- claims 13, 37, and 44 as being obvious in view of Schoenfish, Iredale, and Hsu (U.S. 5,812,369); and
- claims 30, 39, and 42 as being obvious over Schoenfish, Hsu, and Iredale.

A Carry Case Including a Speaker

Each of the independent claims now recites that the carrying case includes a speaker operable to generate sound corresponding to signals provided by a navigation device:

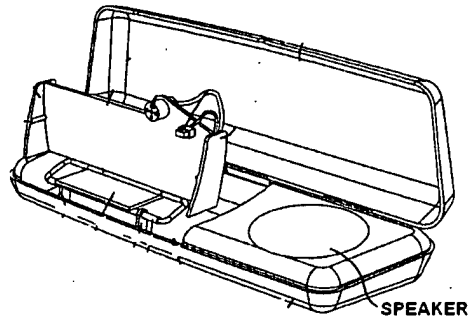
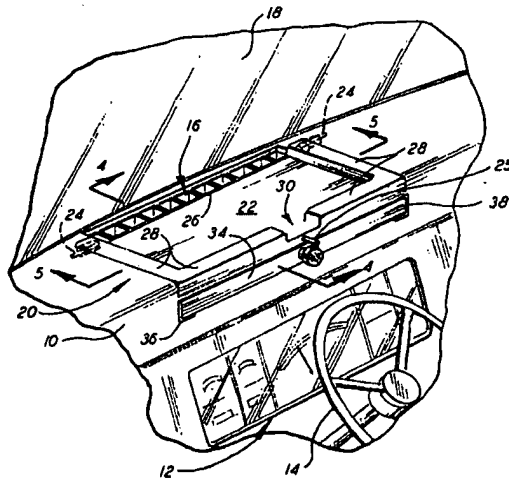


FIG. 21 (annotated)

The Examiner's rationale for finding this feature obvious is that Schoenfish discloses a navigation device with a speaker and this speaker would be "contained in the case of Trumbull" when combined with Schoenfish (Office Action, ¶ 9). Trumbull does disclose a dashboard attachment tray:



Trumbull (FIG. 1)

However, simply placing a navigation device (which includes its own speaker) within Trumbull's tray does not result in a carrying case including a speaker to generate sound from signals provided by a navigation device—as is recited in the independent claims. Applicant notes that the "navigation device" and "carrying case" are recited separately in each of the independent claims and

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the claimed speaker is recited as part of the carrying case and not part of the navigation device. In the Examiner's combination, the speaker is part of the navigation device.

Conclusion

In view of the forgoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are now in a condition for allowance. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this Amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 501-791.

Respectfully submitted,

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